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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #9

<u>KAMISHAK BAY DISTRICT:</u> The hard drive from the Chenik video counting station was pulled yesterday, (July 1) at 4:00 PM and evaluated this morning. Video counts to date are,

 June 22-27
 271 fish

 June 27-July 1
 1,498 fish

 Total video passage
 1,769 fish

The SEG range for sockeye salmon in Chenik Lake is 3,500 – 14,000 fish with a midpoint of 8,750.

Video data at remote sites will be retrieved again midweek (Tuesday – Thursday) for review and assessment. An announcement will follow providing the current counts as well as any resulting commercial fisheries management actions.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement will occur when updated escapement numbers for Chenik Lake are available.

Commercial fishermen are reminded that all lawfully taken finfish that are retained but not sold ("homepacks") must be reported on a fish ticket at the time of landing. Fish tickets have a not sold/home pack block to report these fish. Halibut are not legal to retain from commercial salmon seines or gillnets because these are not legal gear for halibut.

5 AAC 39.010. Retention of fish taken in a commercial fishery (a) A person engaged in commercial fishing may retain finfish from lawfully taken commercial catch for that person's own use, including for the use as bait in a commercial fishery. Finfish retained under this section may not be sold or bartered. (b) Except as otherwise specified in 5 AAC 01 - 5 AAC 39, a commercial fisherman shall report on an ADF&G fish ticket, at the time of delivery of the commercial catch, the number of steelhead retained from the commercial catch but not sold. For the purposes of this subsection, "delivery" means the offloading of the finfish for sale or for transport to a buyer for later sale.

5 AAC 39.130. Reports required of fishermen, processors, buyers, exporters, and operators of certain commercial fishing vessels; transporting requirements (C)(10) the number of fish of any species retained by a commercial fisherman for personal use as specified in 5 AAC 39.010;

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307. Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon
Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.